

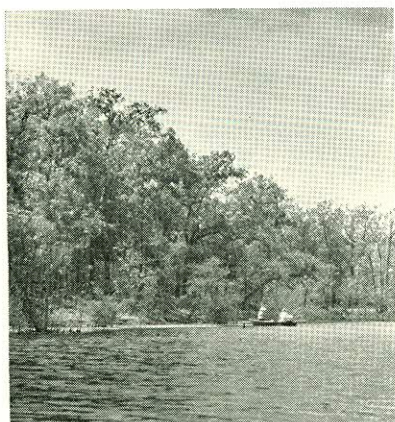
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At the August meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, a resolution was passed exercising an option on slightly over 10,000 additional acres bordering the Saline Wildlife Management Area in Catahoula and LaSalle Parishes. This brings the total acreage to slightly over 60,000 acres and extends the new management area to the Saline Bayou-Larto Lake complex, providing sportsmen with one of the finest hunting and fishing areas to be found in Louisiana. The cover photograph shows anglers fishing in Saline Bayou in that portion of the new acreage acquired by the Commission.
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One of the nine public camps located on Pass-a-Loutre showing ponds and extensive stands of roseau cane adjacent to the camp.



PASS-A-LOUTRE HUNTS



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THE DUCK SEASON for 1964-65 has been established and will give the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission an opportunity of conducting eleven public hunts on the 66,000 acre Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area located at the mouth of the Mississippi River.

Nine public camps which can accommodate eight men per camp are available for use by persons who wish to take advantage of the excellent waterfowl shooting to be had on this area. The Commission began the public camp hunting program in 1954 and since that time has played host to thousands of duck hunters.

Hunting on the area will be conducted in the same general manner as it has been for the past several years. Marsh conditions appear to be excellent at this time for another good hunting season. Several thousand ducks of all species are already on Pass-a-Loutre and from information received from the breeding grounds in Canada it appears that Louisiana will again this year have a bumper crop of waterfowl.

Hunting will be permitted again this year on Tuesday-Wednesday and Saturday-Sunday of each week thus providing a rest period between hunts so that the ducks will have an opportunity to resume their normal activities. This has proven to be very desirable in past years in holding large numbers of waterfowl on Pass-a-Loutre throughout the season.

The Commission has encouraged the use of waterfowl retrievers as a good conservation practice on Pass-a-Loutre and encourages anyone who has a retriever to bring it along.

In addition to the 20,000 acre area on Pass-a-Loutre utilized by the public camp hunting program, the Commission has a portion of the area open to the general public for hunting and issues season long permits at no cost to the hunters. On the entire area east of South Pass hunting is restricted to morning shooting only. On the west shore of South Pass shooting is permitted all day in order to utilize the limited goose shooting

available on this portion of the area during afternoon hours. Hunters who wish to utilize the public camp facilities at Pass-a-Loutre must first submit an application in accordance with the procedures outlined.

The applications will be numbered upon arrival at the office and on designated days each week a selection of the hunters will be made by drawing names. Representatives of various sportsmen's groups will be requested to assist in this drawing. Each group of selected hunters will be picked up by Wild Life and Fisheries Commission boats at Venice on the day prior to their two-day hunting trip and will be returned to Venice when the hunt is over.

All hunters must provide their own transportation to Venice, food, bed linens, and hunting gear. Eight men will be assigned to each camp. Hunting areas near each camp will be suggested. Duck boats and decoys will be provided, as well as all cooking utensils.

The schedule for the drawings for each hunt during the season is as follows:

Application Period	Drawing	Hunting Dates
Nov. 2-9	Nov. 12	Nov. 21 & 22, 24 & 25
Nov. 9-16	Nov. 19	Nov. 28 & 29, Dec. 1 & 2
Nov. 16-23	Nov. 25	Dec. 4 & 5, 8 & 9
Nov. 23-30	Dec. 3	Dec. 12 & 13, 15 & 16
Nov. 30-Dec. 7	Dec. 10	Dec. 19 & 20, 22 & 23
Dec. 7-14	Dec. 17	Dec. 29 & 30

Letters must be postmarked between the dates specified in the application period for applicable hunts and received prior to the drawing.

The rules governing the public shooting ground program are as follows:

1. The area will be open to hunters through application: preference in drawing will be given to resident hunters, although any spaces unfilled by residents will be made available to nonresident hunters for the standard set fee.

2. After the drawing and up to one week prior to the hunt, any spaces unfilled may be had by applying to the New Orleans office.

3. Transportation from Venice to the hunting grounds and return will be furnished.

4. Bed, cooking utensils, fuel, stove, drinking water, and lights will be furnished, but no linens, fishing equipment, guns, shells, or food—bring your own.

5. One duck boat, paddles, pushpoles and decoys will be furnished for every two hunters.

6. Camps will be assigned by the supervisor in charge.

7. Duck, goose and coot shooting only will be permitted. Waterfowl retrievers only are permitted on the hunt.

8. All hunting or shooting on the Pass-a-Loutre area is limited to morning hours and must stop by 12:00 o'clock noon. Violation of this provision will result in the immediate expulsion from the area and denial of the privilege of returning to the area in the future.

9. Applicants may apply for the hunts throughout the season, but not more than one application per hunt.

10. A fee of \$5.00 will be charged each hunter selected for the trip. The full amount must accompany each application. Reimbursement of the full fee will be made if the hunter is not selected.

11. All hunters will be required to sign an agreement releasing the Commission from the responsibility for any bodily harm or personal loss and agreeing to pay for any Commission property lost or destroyed.

12. Permits may be transferred from one person to another upon endorsement. No refunds will be made for permits which have been issued.

13. Hunting is restricted to men only 16 years or older; if anyone is under 18 years of age, he must be accompanied by his father or guardian.

14. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the boats or the camps.

15. Valid Louisiana hunting license or over age permit and waterfowl stamp will be required.

16. No boats, motors, or rifles are permitted on the area.

17. Simple camp rules must be observed.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Make application direct to Ted Joanen, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130.

2. You may apply in a group not to exceed eight (8) persons, naming each person in the application. Full remittance of fee at \$5.00 per hunter must accompany the application. (Send personal check or money order—no cash). Reimbursement in full will be made within three days after the drawing if the hunter or group is not selected.

3. Submit only one application per hunt; if the name of any person is received in more than one application for the same hunt, it will be disqualified.

4. Applications for the hunts must be made in advance **THROUGH THE MAILS** and postmarked during the application dates according to the schedule in order to be considered for the drawing.

5. Specify the dates desired, and indicate whether or not the other hunt during the week of your request will be acceptable if your preferred dates are filled.

6. The quota for each hunt will be selected by public drawing in the Refuge Division office, between 10 A.M. and 12 noon, on the designated dates. Decisions of supervisory personnel are final.

7. Permits and specific instructions will be mailed to selected hunters within three days after the drawing.

Thousands of ducks utilize the Pass-a-Loutre area each winter and provide excellent waterfowl shooting.



REDFISH AND BLIND BAY AREA

Free Permit Hunting

In addition to the section of Pass-a-Loutre reserved for the public camps, one-third of the 66,000 acre area will be open again this year to those who wish to make a hunt using their personal equipment and facilities. Permission to hunt in this area must be obtained from the Refuge Division of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, and all hunters must provide their own transportation as well as other hunting essentials. Give the name and address of each hunter. Permits must be in possession while hunting here.

AREA BOUNDARIES

Northern boundary, Pass-a-Loutre; western boundary, Jackson Bayou from Pass-a-Loutre to Blind Bay then along the western shoreline of Blind Bay, across the Southeast Pass to and including the western shoreline of Redfish Bay, numerous small bayous, ponds, lagoons, and the coastal mud flats constitute the portion open to the general public.

All parts of the Pass-a-Loutre public shooting grounds west of the above established boundary line are restricted entirely for the controlled hunting program. In addition to the above defined land the area west of South Pass will be included in the free permit area again this season. This area is one of the few spots on the lower delta where hunters may expect to get occasional blue and snow goose shooting.

Regulations for the use of this area have been held to a minimum in the interest of facilitating its use. They are as follows:

1. The use of airboats on these two areas is strictly prohibited.
2. Hunting must stop at noon of each day, except west of South Pass where afternoon shooting is also permitted. This measure is for the benefit of all hunters using the entire area and it allows afternoon and night feeding and resting by waterfowl in the entire Pass-a-Loutre area.
3. Federal and state hunting regulations pertaining to waterfowl must be observed.
4. Hunting will be permitted in this area seven days a week during the entire duck season.
5. Duck, goose and coot shooting only is permitted. Waterfowl retrievers may be used.
6. No rifles are permitted on the area.
7. Hunting must be confined to the designated open area so as not to conflict with the established controlled hunting program.
8. Permits for the use of this designated area will be issued by the Refuge Division of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and no hunting will be permitted without the required permit which will be issued free on application.
9. Violation of these regulations will result in the immediate expulsion from the area and denial of the privilege of returning to the areas in the future. *

WATERFOWL HUNTING

OFFICIALS of the Commission anticipate that between 75,000 and 80,000 waterfowlers will take to the marshes after ducks, coots and geese this year, marking a slight increase over the number of hunters who sought waterfowl last year.

A 7,500 miles survey by personnel of the Commission in mid-July revealed that ducks had bypassed areas in the prairie pothole region of Canada and successfully nested farther north. The Canadian survey flown by Commission personnel indicated that at least the same number of ducks that migrated southward in 1963-64 would funnel down the flyway again this year.

Waterfowlers are requested to make every effort possible to study duck identification. Booklets are available from the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, and from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The waterfowl season will be strictly enforced by agents of the state commission and by federal agents. Use of bait and live decoys is prohibited. Hunters of ducks and geese who have reached their 16th birthday must have a federal waterfowl stamp signed and attached to their basic resident hunting license or permit. Duck stamps can be obtained from any U.S. Postoffice. Use of rifles, or shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells is prohibited. The plug used in guns must be incapable of being removed without disassembling gun. Legal possession limits of migratory waterfowl may be possessed up to within 30 days of the following season.

Regulations for the 1964-65 waterfowl hunting seasons were established by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission in August, following receipt of the general framework, number of shooting days, daily bag and possession limits, and other regulations determined by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Louisiana waterfowlers will have the following seasons:

Ducks: November 21 through December 30. Daily bag limit four and possession limit eight, except in that area of South Louisiana below U.S. Highway 190 where there will be a daily bonus of two scaup (dos gris) and a possession bonus of four scaup.

The daily limit on ducks may not include more than two mallards or four mallards in a two-day possession limit. The bag may contain two wood ducks daily or in a possession limit. The duck bag may also include two canvasbacks or two redheads, or one of each. As with wood ducks, redheads and canvasbacks have the same daily and possession limit.